SSIs in Tamil Nadu

1070. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether SSI sector in Tamil Nadu has requested for increase in or atleast retention of the present excise exemption limit of Rs. one crore for SSIs;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry proposes to approach the Ministry of finance in this regard;

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Small Scale Industries has already approached the Ministry of Finance for retention of present excise exemption limit for Small Scale Industries.

Items reserved for SSI

1071. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the items already reserved for small scale sector are being dereserved one by one;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action has been taken to protect the interests of small scale industries?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) The issue of reservation/dereservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the Small Scale Industries (SSI) sector is examined on a continual basis by the Government and is based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee constituted under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. In addition, the Ministry of Small Scale Industries also consults the stakeholders regarding various entries in the list. Items are considered for dereservation based on such reviews and consultations.

(c) Government has already announced a comprehensive policy package for SSIs on 30th August, 2000 in order to strengthen the SSI